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Ref: Docket #98N-1038, "Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food".

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to say that I support the prominent labeling for irradiated food, including the use of the terms such as "irradiation" or "irradiated", and the use of the radura symbol. I feel that consumers would be misled without such labeling. If, as the FDA has ruled, irradiation is safe, why not label it? Are you afraid of public resistance to irradiation? If not, you should be doing the public a service by labeling the irradiated food. There should not be a requirement for a radiation disclosure statement to expire in the future. The public should always be informed about such processes going on with their food.

Sincerely,



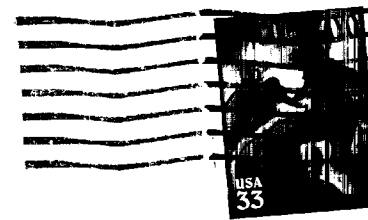
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